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SUBJECT: SWISS FOREIGN- EXCHANGE AND GOLD DEVELOPMENTS

1. RUMORS OF IMMINENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF LARGE GERMAN TRADE SURPLUS DURING MAY AND RENEWED PROPOSALS FOR REVALUATION OF MARK AS ANTI- INFLATIONARY MEASURE CONCERUNCLASSIFIED

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TRATED ATTENTION AT ZURICH ON JUNE 28 ON GERMAN MARK. AFTER OPENING AROUND DM 2.5150, GERMAN MARK APPRECIATED IN ZURICH TRADING TO DM 2.4650/2.4700 TO DOLLAR. GERMAN MARK- SWISS FRANC RATE ON JUNE 28 WAS DM 100.00 EQUALS SF 121.75/122.00. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO CROSS- RATE THAT PREVAILED BEFORE ONSET OF CURRENT MONETARY TURMOIL DROPPED CROSS- RATE TO APPROXIMATELY DM 100.00 EQUALS SF 113.00, AND DEMONSTRATES THAT DOLLAR HAS NOT DECLINED IN SWISS FRANCS TO SAME EXTENT AS IN GERMAN MARK.

- 2. AFTER OPENING AT SF 3.0355/3.0385 ON JUNE 28, SPOT DOLLARS IMPROVED IMMEDIATELY TO DAY'S HIGH OF SF 3.0370/3.0400 AND HELD AT APPROXIMATELY THAT RATE UNTIL NOON WHEN NEWS OUT OF GERMANY BEGAN TO AFFECT MARKET. SHORTLY AFTER NOON SPOT DOLLARS HAD REACHED LOW OF SF 2.9950/3.0025, FROM WHICH MADE SLIGHT RECOVERY TO CLOSE, ZURICH TRADING, AT SF 3.0140/3.0180.
- 3. ZURICH FOREIGN- EXCHANGE TRADERS SAY THAT CONCERN OVER US TRADE DEFICIT IN MAY IS REINFORCED BY FEAR THAT US WILL TEMPORARILY BAN EXPORT OF OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BESIDES SOYBEAN PRODUCTS. HOWEVER, MAJOR EFFECT ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION CURRENTLY COMES FROM GERMAN MARK.
- 4. GOLD TRADED AT \$119.50/121.00 AT OPENING ON JUNE 28 AND PRICES MOVED UPWARD TO CLOSE AT \$120.50/122.00.
- 5. VOLUME IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND GOLD MARKETS REPORTEDLY LOW. DAVIS

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